

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

For the Examiner's convenience, a list of all claims included below.

1. (Currently Amended) A data structure for an automated project tracking system, the data structure residing in a computer readable memory and comprising:

a project window comprising a project identification field formatted to receive and display a project identifier and a project status field formatted to receive and display a project status;

a request window comprising a request identification field formatted to receive and display a request identifier and a request status field formatted to receive and display a request status; and

a task window comprising a task identification field formatted to receive and display a task identifier and a task status field formatted to receive and display a task status, the task window being read access only to a user who is not ~~an owner~~ a person who is in charge of the project;[[,]]

wherein one of the request window and task window is displayed within the project window while the project identifier and the project status are displayed within the project window concurrently, and

wherein the request and task windows are displayed as overlapped pages within the project window and each of the request and task windows is selectable via a page selector within the project window.

2. (Original) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the project window further comprises a request list, comprising:

a request identification field formatted to display a request identifier for each of a number of requests for a project; and

a request status field formatted to display a request status for each of the number of requests for the project.

3. (Original) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the request window further comprises a task list, comprising:

a task identification field formatted to display a task identifier for each of a number of tasks for a request for a project; and

a task status field formatted to display task status for each of the number of tasks for the request for the project.

4. (Original) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the task window further comprises an invoice list, comprising:

an invoice identification field formatted to display an invoice identifier for each of a number of invoices for a task; and

an invoice amount field formatted to display an invoiced amount for each of the number of tasks.

5. (Original) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the task window further comprises:

a committed amount field formatted to automatically display a cumulative total of amounts committed to a project;

an invoiced amount field formatted to automatically display a cumulative total of amounts invoiced to the project; and

a balance amount field formatted to automatically display a difference between the cumulative total of amounts committed to the project and the cumulative total of amounts invoiced to the project.

6. (Original) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the project window further comprises a funding source list, comprising:

a funding source identification field formatted to display a funding source identifier for each of a number of funding sources for a project; and
a funding amount field formatted to display a funding amount for each of the number of funding sources for the project.

7. (Original) The data structure of claim 1 wherein the request window further comprises a request list, comprising:

a request identification field formatted to display a request identifier for each of a number or requests for a project; and
a request status field formatted to display a request status for each of the number of requests for the project.

8. (Currently amended) A display device for displaying a visual representation of a data structure stored in memory, the visual representation comprising:

a project window formatted to display project level identification information including a project identifier;
a request window formatted to display request level identification information including a request identifier; and

a task window formatted to display task level identification information including a task identifier, the task window being read access only to a user who is not ~~an owner~~ a person who is in charge of the project[[,]]

wherein one of the request window and task window is displayed within the project window while the project level identification information is displayed within the project window concurrently, and

wherein the request and task windows are displayed as overlapped pages within the project window and each of the request and task windows is selectable via a page selector within the project window.

9. (Original) The display device of claim 8 wherein the project window is further formatted to display:

a funding summary including an identification and an amount of each of a number of funding sources for a project; and

a request list including an identification and a status of each of a number of requests for the project.

10. (Original) The display device of claim 8 wherein the request window is further formatted to display:

a request list including an identification and a status of each of a number of requests for a project; and

a task list including an identification and a status of each of a number of tasks for a request.

11. (Original) The display device of claim 8 wherein the task window comprises:
a task list including an identification and a status of each of a number of tasks for a request; and
an invoice list including an identification and an amount of each of a number of invoices for a task.
12. (Original) The display device of claim 8 wherein the project window is further formatted to display:
a funding summary including an identification and an amount of each of a number of funding sources for a project; and
a request list including an identification and a status of each of a number of requests for the project, the request window is further formatted to display:
the request list including the identification and the status of each of the number of requests for the project; and
a task list including an identification and a status of each of a number of tasks for the request, and the task window comprises:
the task list including the identification and the status of each of the number of tasks for the request; and
an invoice list including an identification and an amount of each of a number of invoices for a task.
13. (Original) The display device of claim 8 wherein the visual representation of the project window is in a first color, the visual representation of the request window is in a second color and the visual representation of the task window is in a third color.

14. (Original) The display device of claim 8 wherein only one of the project window, the request window and the task window is displayed at a time.

15. (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system of project management, comprising:

presenting a project window at a first time in response to a user request for project level information for a project, the project window comprising project level information related to the requested project and a list of user-selectable requests for the requested project;

presenting a request window at a second time in response to a user selection at the project window of one of a number of the requests in the list of user-selectable requests; the request window comprising request level information related to the selected request and a list of user-selectable tasks for the selected request; and

presenting a task window at a third time in response to a user selection at the request window of one of the number of tasks in the list of user-selectable tasks, the task window comprising task level information related to the selected task and a list of invoices for the user selected task, the task window being read access only to a user who is not ~~an owner~~ a person who is in charge of the project;[[,]]

wherein one of the request window and task window is displayed within the project window while the project level information is displayed within the project window concurrently, and

wherein the request and task windows are displayed as overlapped pages within the project window and each of the request and task windows is selectable via a page selector within the project window.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
receiving a request by a user to enter information a particular project;
determining if a user has authority to enter information for the particular project;
entering the information if the user has authority to enter information for the particular project; and
refusing to enter the information if the user does not have authority to enter information for the particular project.
17. (Original) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
receiving a request by a user to modify information a particular project;
determining if a user has authority to modify information for the particular project;
entering the information if the user has authority to modify information for the particular project; and
refusing to enter the information if the user does not have authority to modify information for the particular project.
18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
automatically generating a form letter in response to a user input; and
automatically populating fields in the form letter with request level information and task level information for the selected request and the selected task.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to present project management information by:

presenting a project window at a first time in response to a user request for project level information for a project, the project window comprising project level information related to the requested project and a list of user selectable requests for the requested project;

presenting a request window at a second time in response to a user selection at the project window of one of a number of the requests in the list of user-selectable requests; the request window comprising request level information related to the selected request and a list of user-selectable tasks for the selected request; and

presenting a task window at a third time in response to a user selection at the request window of one of the number of tasks in the list of user-selectable tasks, the task window comprising task level information related to the selected task and a list of invoices for the user selected task, the task window being read access only to a user who is not ~~an owner~~ a person who is in charge of the project;[[,]]

wherein one of the request window and task window is displayed within the project window while the project level information is displayed within the project window concurrently, and

wherein the request and task windows are displayed as overlapped pages within the project window and each of the request and task windows is selectable via a page selector within the project window.